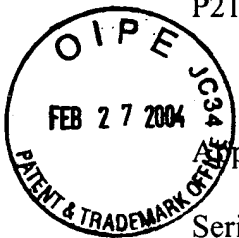


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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statements filed on March 27, 2002 and February 28, 2002, Applicant submits herewith a copy of a Supplementary European Search Report dated February 5, 2004, with respect to counterpart European Patent Application No. EP 00 93 5503, in which the European Patent Examiner cited the following documents:

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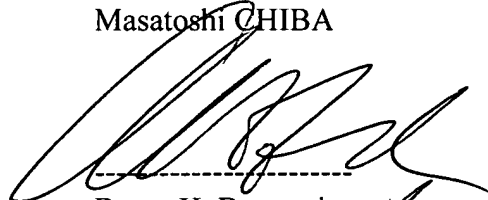
Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the patent documents. Copies of the non-U.S. documents are attached, and all of the documents have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

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Should the Examiner have any further questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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